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TO AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: AIR FARES BETWEEN US AND KENYA

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1. DEPARTMENT UNDERSTANDS THAT DEPUTY SECRETARY SHITAKHA WAS EXPECTED DURING WEEK OF APRIL 3 TO VISIT PAN AM IN NEW YORK AND USG AGENCIES IN WASHINGTON TO DISCUSS SUBJECT AIR FARE ISSUE. HIS TRAVEL PLANS ARE APPARENTLY BEING DELAYED DUE TO KENYAN ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN FREE PLANE TICKETS FROM PAN AM FOR THE TRIP.
 2. EMBASSY MAY INDICATE TO SHITAKHA AND TO OTHER APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS THAT IF KENYAN OFFICIALS COME TO WASHINGTON TO TALK WITH PAN AM, USG OFFICIALS WOULD BE PLEASED MEET WITH THEM IF THEY WISH TO DISCUSS MODALITIES OF AIR FARE SITUATION. AT SAME TIME, US
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OFFICIALS WOULD WISH TO RAISE QUESTION OF PAN AM'S FUTURE SERVICE PLANS INVOLVING KENYA AND THE POSSIBLE NEED TO NEGOTIATE A BILATERAL AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT. IN THIS CONNECTION, SHITAKHA MAY NOT BE AWARE THAT US EARLIER PROPOSED AIR TRANSPORT NEGOTIATIONS IN JULY 1977 IN KENYA BUT KENYANS WERE NOT AVAILABLE FOR TALKS AT THAT TIME.

3. IF NECESSARY, EMBASSY SHOULD REPEAT REFRAIN THAT
USG IS NOT LEGALLY IN A POSITION TO FIX SPECIFIC AIR
FARES AND THAT CAB CAN ACT ONLY WHEN A SPECIFIC FARE
FILING IS MADE WITH IT. HOWEVER, IF PAN AM IS WILLING
TO OFFER A LOWER AIR FARE TO MEET KENYAN NEEDS, WE
CONSIDER IT ONLY APPROPRIATE THAT KENYA BE RESPONSIVE TO
PAN AM'S NEED TO OPERATE A VIABLE LEVEL OF AIR SERVICE
TO NAIROBI WITH MODERN, COST EFFICIENT AIRCRAFT
(I.E. WIDE BODIED AIRCRAFT). VANCE

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